



CITY COUNCIL

Public Hearing

Public Hearing
Council Chambers

Monday, November 4, 2013
5:00 p.m.

I. Opening Matters

II. Purpose

The purpose of this hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed Land Value Tax and the increase to the Home Rule Per Capita Tax. Both ordinances and revenue streams are included in the 2014 General Fund Budget and are eligible for enactment on Tuesday, November 12th.

III. Presentation by City Administration

Ordinance – 2014 Land Value Property Tax) at twenty-two and nine hundred ninety-five thousandths mills (0.022995) on the dollar, or twenty dollars and ninety-nine point five cents (\$22.995) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed on land, and a tax of twelve and five hundred fifty-nine thousandths mills (0.012559) on the dollar, or twelve dollars and fifty-five point nine cents (\$12.559) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed on improvements to land **(Mayor) Revenue neutral**

Ordinance – increasing the Home Rule Per Capita Tax to \$20, charged to all Reading residents 18 years of age and older **(Law) \$140,000 in additional revenue projected**

IV. Public Comment

Citizens wishing to comment on the proposed amendment need to register with the City Clerk before 5 pm the day of the meeting. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.

Those commenting shall limit their remarks to 3 minutes. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration at the conclusion of anyone's presentation. Citizens may not ask questions of Council member or other elected or public official in attendance. Citizens attending the meeting may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the meeting is called to order.

V. Adjourn

BILL ____-2013
AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN 2014 A HOME RULE PER CAPITA TAX OF \$20.00 ON EACH PERSON AGED 18 YEARS OR MORE RESIDING IN THE CITY OF READING, PROVIDING FOR ITS COLLECTION, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 2014, the City of Reading shall level a Home Rule Per Capita Tax of \$20.00 per year on each person residing in the City of Reading. This tax shall be payable on June 1, 2014. This Home Rule Per Capita Tax shall be in addition to the Per Capita Tax previously authorized by the Local Tax Enabling Act renumbered (53 P.S. § 6924.101 et seq.).

SECTION 2. Any resident failing to pay the aforementioned Home Rule Per Capita Tax within 60 days of the due date shall pay a penalty of 50% of the tax plus all related and reasonable collection expenses as may be imposed and as authorized by this Council.

SECTION 3. The Administration is directed by this Council to explore alternatives to assure the broadest possible compliance herewith and report its recommendations to the Council prior to January 31, 2014.

SECTION 4. The City derives authority to levy this tax by virtue of its Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2014 or 10 days after approval by the Mayor, whichever may be later, in accordance with Sections 219 & 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted _____, 2013

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: _____
Received by the Mayor's Office: _____
Date: _____
Approved by Mayor: _____
Date: _____
Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____

**BILL NO. _____-2013
AN ORDINANCE**

**LEVYING THE REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2014, AND ENDING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2014.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. A tax of twenty-two and nine hundred ninety-five thousandths mills (0.022995) on the dollar, or twenty dollars and ninety-nine point five cents (\$22.995) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed on land, and a tax of twelve and five hundred fifty-nine thousandths mills (0.012559) on the dollar, or twelve dollars and fifty-five point nine cents (\$12.559) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed on improvements to land, for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2014, and ending the thirty-first day of December, 2014, on all real property in the City of Reading taxable for County purposes.

SECTION 2. Of the revenue generated hereby, 98.725 percent (98.725%) shall be for general revenue purposes, and 1.275 percent (1.275%) shall be allocated to support the activities of the Shade Tree Commission.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2014, said date being the beginning of the fiscal year of the City of Reading.

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